



Science and Stormont 2026

12:45 Registration, Exhibition and Refreshments

14:00 Welcome

Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA, Deputy Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Chair of the All-Party Group on STEM

14:10 RSC Welcome

Professor Robert Mokaya OBE, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry

14:20 Keynote Speech

Prof. Helen McCarthy, Chief Scientific and Technology Adviser to the Northern Ireland Executive

14:40 Panel Session

CHAIR - Prof. Robert Mokaya, President, Royal Society of Chemistry

Andrew Croydon, Director, Education, Examination and Partnership, Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

Prof. Dimitrios Lamprou, Chair of Biofabrication & Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, Queen's University Belfast (QUB)

Dr. Katie Raymer-Woods, Policy Adviser, Royal Society of Chemistry

15:30 Exhibition and Refreshments

16:05 Keynote Address

Prof. Ian Young, Chief Scientific Advisor, Food Standards Agency

16:25 Panel Session

CHAIR - Dr Megan O'Donnell, Head of Policy and Communications, The Geological Society

Prof. Colin Turner, Academy of Mathematical Sciences / Ulster University

Joe Marshall, CEO, National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB)

Kathryn McKenna, Senior Enterprise Manager (Ireland), Royal Academy of Engineering

Dr Róisín Hyde, Founder of NoMAD 3D Concrete Printing / Cambridge University Institute for Manufacturing Centre for Industrial Sustainability

17:25 Closing Remarks

Niall Sommerville, Public Affairs Manager, Royal Society of Chemistry

17:30 Evening reception and Exhibition